# **Bonsall**



East Vista Way and SR-76 Intersection



Old Highway 395



Camino del Rey and Old River Road Intersection

#### Overview

The key challenge in Bonsall is to provide a Circulation Element (CE) road network that accommodates high levels of regional traffic while retaining many of the rural community's two-lane roads. In the past, the Bonsall Community Sponsor Group expressed concern over road issues, particularly congestion and safety. Regional traffic passing through the community is a major concern, particularly on State Route 76 and East Vista Way, leading to Oceanside and Vista. The Sponsor Group is also concerned about congestion on east-west roads, particularly Gopher Canyon Road, which carries traffic to and from Interstate 15 and the coastal communities.

Although Bonsall's proposed network of two-lane roads will accommodate local traffic, fully accommodating regional traffic from Riverside County will be a challenge. The proposed CE road network, which is supported by the Bonsall Sponsor Group, utilizes four roadways—Interstate 15, State Route 76, Gopher Canyon Road, and East Vista Way—to carry regional traffic through the Bonsall community. Because environmental constraints limit the widening of State Route 76 in some segments, the unmet demand for east-west travel will be handled by Gopher Canyon Road. If current growth trends in Riverside County continue, then widening Interstate 15 by four or more lanes will be an important component to resolving congestion on Old Highway 395, which parallels the freeway.

# **Sponsor Group Preferences**

The Sponsor Group endorsed the proposed road network with one exception (Matrix #16). The group strongly recommended that the connection be completed between the existing Dentro de Lomas roadways and be classified as a Local Public Road in order to provide an additional route for fire emergency purposes. Staff recognizes the need for more connectivity in Bonsall but cannot apply a public road standard on private roads that were conditioned by a subdivision project. As such, staff is recommending to retain the Local Public Road classification on the existing Dentro de Lomas roadways and a Fire Access Road classification on the private roads completing the connection.

# **Key Issues**

#### **Caltrans**

The proposed CE road network is consistent with Caltrans' Concept Plan for State Route 76. Caltrans is planning for a six-lane roadway on State Route 76 from Melrose Avenue to South Mission Road and has improvement plans to build a four-lane roadway while purchasing right-of-way for six-lanes. Caltrans is also widening State Route 76 to four-lanes from South Mission Road to Interstate 15.

### **Unresolved Congestion**

- Due to high forecast demand for this east-west route, State Route 76 continues to operate at a failing level of service with a six-lane classification. Staff recommended the six-lane classification with a narrower right-of-way and lower threshold capacity (Prime Arterial) because of the environmental constraints. To add capacity to State Route 76, Caltrans would need to construct grade-separated intersections, which is not part of their Concept Plan. Additional road capacity (10K+ ADTs) is available on Gopher Canyon Road.
- The increase in regional traffic volumes projected by 2030 impacts Old Highway 395. Obtaining sufficient right-of-way for four-lanes is recommended but staff recommends improvement to two-lanes north of the Interstate 15 interchange near Nelson Way.

## Connectivity

Due to the steep topography, north-south connections are limited in Bonsall. Residents are constrained by the limited routes and are forced to travel on the same roads carrying regional traffic.

#### Environmental

The most significant traffic issue in this community—State Route 76—is a road that parallels the San Luis Rey River. Road widening on State Route 76 may produce environmental impacts. Also, steep topography in this community provides an additional constraint on widening existing roadways.

#### Fire Access

In an attempt to provide more connectivity, staff recommended that Wrightwood Road and Disney Lane be added to the circulation element as alternative north-south connections. The existing roadways have limited accessibility and were not considered as CE roads. However, recognizing that emergency access routes are necessary, staff recommended classifying the roads as fire access roads.

# **Board Alternative Map Network**

A separate CE road network is not recommended for the Bonsall community.

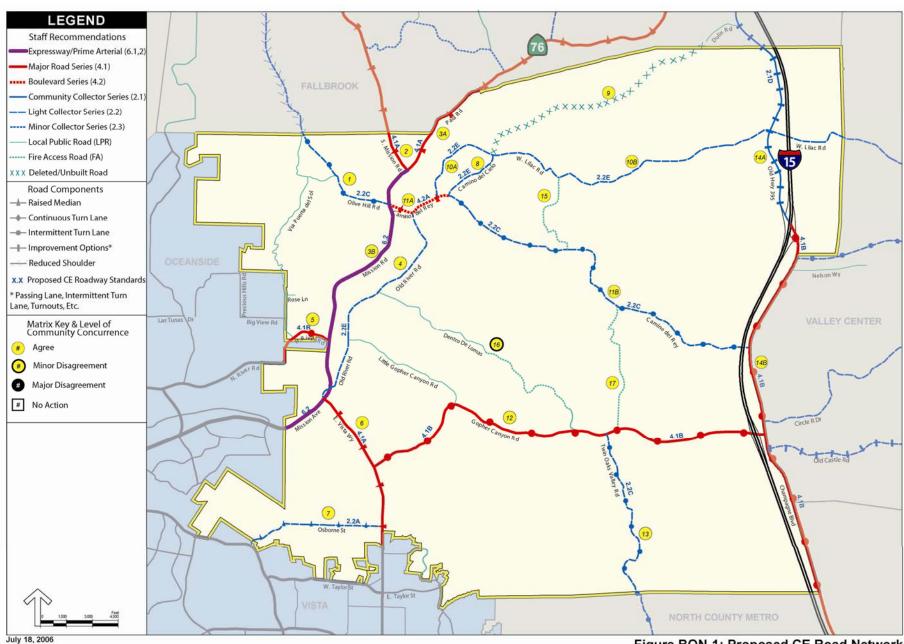
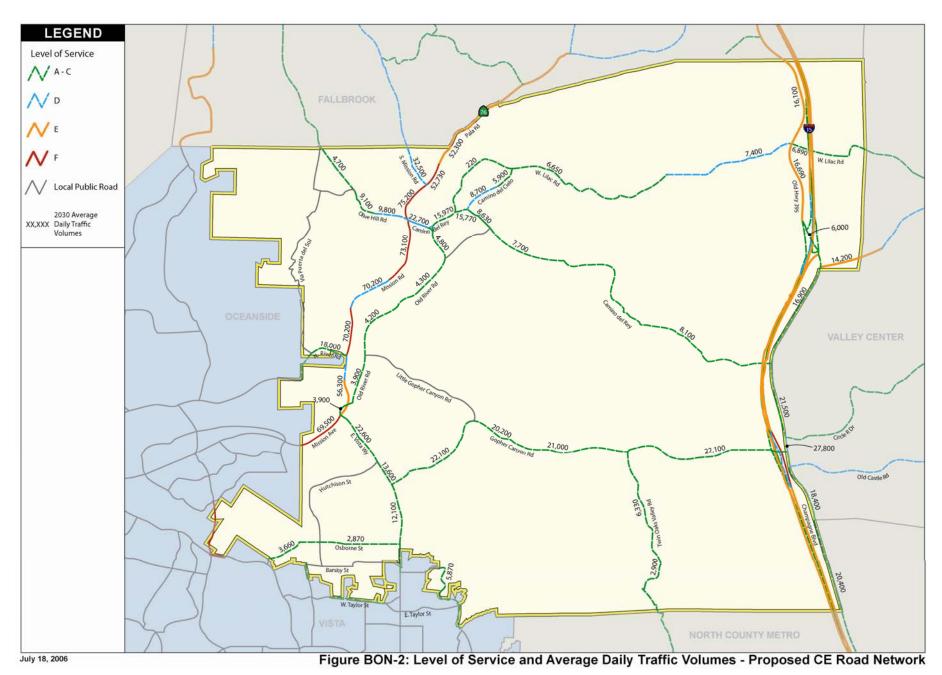


Figure BON-1: Proposed CE Road Network



Bonsall C-8 North County Communities

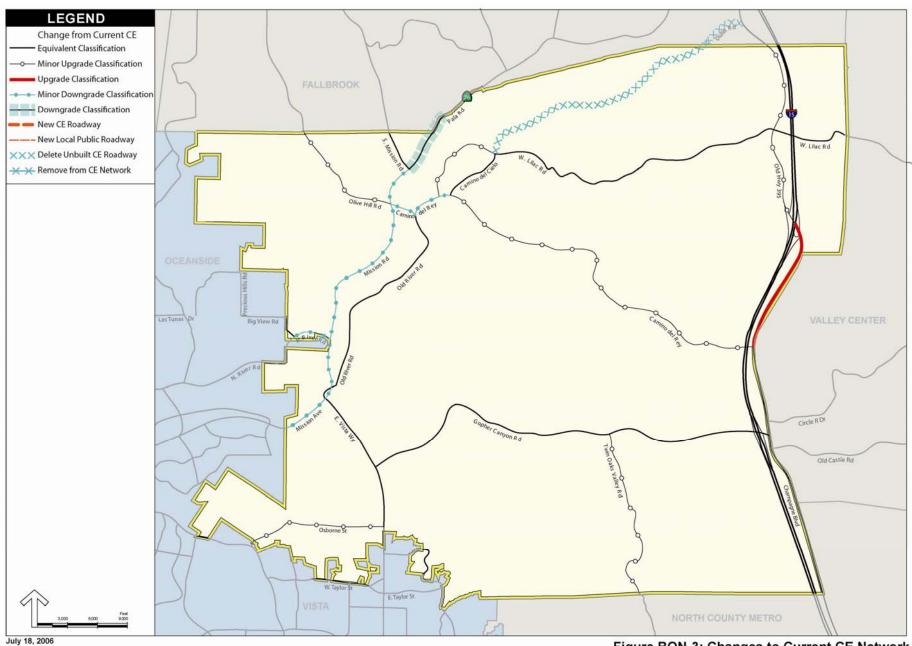
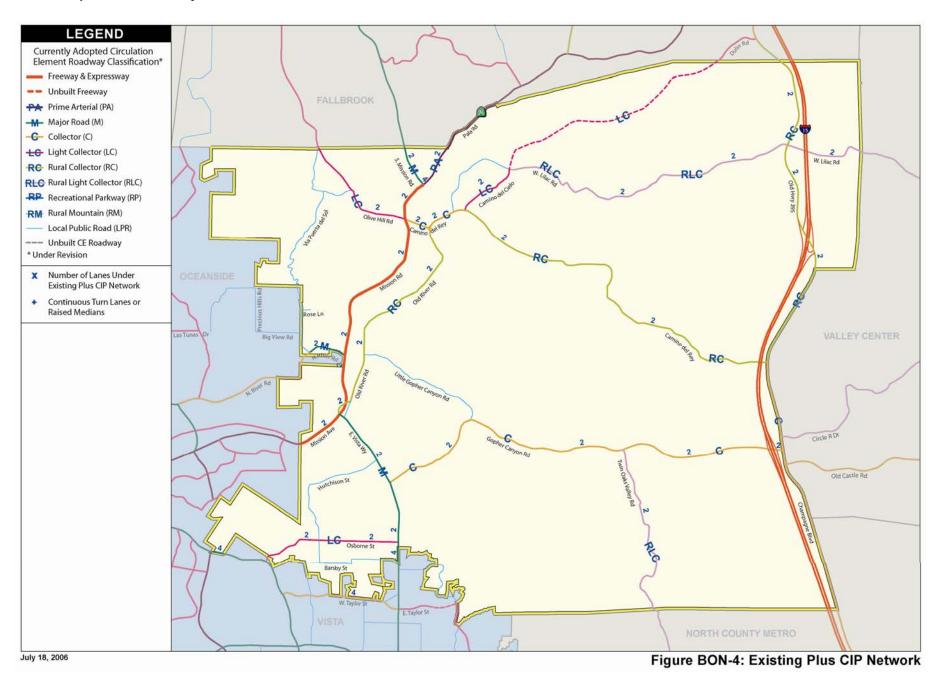


Figure BON-3: Changes to Current CE Network



Bonsall C-10 North County Communities

	CE Road Segment	Road Network Recommendations	Basis for Staff Recommendation
1	Olive Hill Road (SC 100.1)  Segment: Fallbrook boundary to SR-76 / Mission Road  Existing Condition: 2 lanes / unbuilt (realignment)  Current Classification: Light Collector (2 lanes)	Minor Upgrade  2.2C Light Collector with Intermittent Turn Lanes (2+ lanes)	Road Capacity – Consistent with projected traffic volumes and surrounding land uses
2	South Mission Road (SF 1305)  Segment: Fallbrook boundary to SR-76 / Mission Road  Existing Condition: 4 lanes with continuous turn lane  Current Classification: Major Road (4+ lanes)	Equivalent Classification 4.1A Major Road with Raised Median (4+ lanes)	<ul> <li>Road Capacity – A 4-lane road with raised median classification is necessary to meet forecast traffic volumes</li> <li>Build Consensus – Consistent with Fallbrook Planning Group preference</li> </ul>
3A	SR-76 / Pala Road  Segment: Fallbrook boundary to South Mission Road Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Prime Arterial (6 lanes)	Downgrade Classification 4.1A Major Road with Raised Median (4+ lanes)	<ul> <li>Minimize Environmental Impacts -         Constrained right-of-way due to         environmental constraints (San Luis Rey         River) limits road widening</li> <li>Minimize Costs – Consistent with         SANDAG RTP and Caltrans planned         improvements</li> <li>Note: Proposed classification will operate at         LOS E/F (52.3 to 52.6K ADTs)</li> </ul>

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3B	SR-76 / Mission Road  Segment: South Mission Road to City of Oceanside boundary  Existing Condition: 2 lanes  Current Classification: Expressway (6 lanes)	Minor Downgrade 6.2 Prime Arterial (6 lanes)	<ul> <li>Road Capacity – 6-lane road classification is needed to accommodate high speed and high volume traffic; unmet demand could be accommodated by: (1) Gopher Canyon Road or (2) constructing grade-separated intersections</li> <li>Minimize Environmental Impacts – Narrower right-of-way (Prime Arterial) recommended due to environmental constraints (San Luis Rey River)</li> <li>Build Consensus – Consistent with Caltrans' Concept Plan for 6-lanes (plans to build 4-lanes and purchase a 6-lane right-of-way)</li> <li>Community Preference – Incorporates Sponsor Group preference only if Caltrans uses the existing alignment</li> <li>Note: Proposed classification will operate at LOS E/F (69.5K to 73.1K ADTs); 6-lane improvement is not funded in SANDAG 2030 RTP</li> </ul>
4	Old River Road (SC 262)  Segment: Camino del Rey to East Vista Way  Existing Condition: 2 lanes (portion with raised median)  Current Classification: Rural Collector (2 lanes)	Equivalent Classification 2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes)	<ul> <li>Road Capacity – Consistent with projected traffic volumes and surrounding land uses</li> <li>Minimize Environmental Impacts –         Constrained right-of-way due to environmental constraints (San Luis Rey River)</li> </ul>

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5	North River Road (SA 430)  Segment: City of Oceanside boundary to SR-76 / Mission Road  Existing Condition: 2 lanes  Current Classification: Major Road (4+ lanes)	Minor Downgrade  4.1B Major Road with Intermittent Turn Lanes (4+ lanes)	Road Capacity – A 4-lane road classification is sufficient to meet forecast traffic volumes
7	East Vista Way (SF 1304)  Segment: SR-76 / Mission Road to City of Vista boundary  Existing Condition: 2 lanes with continuous turn lane  Current Classification: Major Road (4+ lanes)  Osborne Street (SA 450)  Segment: City of Vista boundary to East Vista Way  Existing Condition: 2 lanes  Current Classification: Light Collector (2 lanes)	Equivalent Classification 4.1A Major Road with Raised Median (4+ lanes)  Minor Upgrade 2.2A Light Collector with Raised Median (2+ lanes)	<ul> <li>Road Capacity – A 4-lane road classification is sufficient to meet forecast traffic volumes</li> <li>Road Capacity – Consistent with projected traffic volumes and surrounding land uses</li> <li>Build Consensus – Sponsor Group has expressed the need for traffic calming measures; the raised median may provide a visual effect for traffic calming</li> </ul>
8	Camino del Cielo (SC 260)  Segment: Camino del Rey to West Lilac Road  Existing Condition: 2 lanes with raised median / portion unpaved (private road)  Current Classification: Light Collector (2 lanes)	Equivalent Classification  2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes)	<ul> <li>Road Capacity – Consistent with projected traffic volumes and surrounding land uses</li> <li>Build Consensus – Incorporates Sponsor Group preference for a lower design speed</li> </ul>

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9	Dulin Road (SC 260)  Segment: West Lilac Road to Fallbrook boundary  Existing Condition: Unbuilt  Current Classification: Light Collector (2 lanes)	Delete CE Road	<ul> <li>Minimize Environmental Impacts – Road parallels San Luis Rey River</li> <li>Build Consensus – Incorporates Sponsor Group preference</li> </ul>
10A	West Lilac Road  Segment: Camino del Rey to Camino del Cielo Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Local Public Road	Minor Upgrade 2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes)	<ul> <li>Road Capacity – Consistent with projected traffic volumes and surrounding land uses</li> <li>Build Consensus – Incorporates Sponsor Group preference to complete connection of West Lilac Rd</li> </ul>
10B	West Lilac Road (SC 270.2)  Segment: Camino del Cielo to Valley Center boundary  Existing Condition: 2 lanes  Current Classification: Rural Light Collector (2 lanes)	Equivalent Classification  2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes)	Road Capacity – Consistent with projected traffic volumes and surrounding land uses
11A	Camino del Rey (SA 100)  Segment: SR-76 / Mission Road to Camino del Cielo  Existing Condition: 2 lanes with median  Current Classification: Collector Road (4 lanes)	Minor Downgrade  4.2A Boulevard with Raised Median (4+ lanes)	<ul> <li>Road Capacity – A 4-lane road classification is needed to meet forecast traffic volumes</li> <li>Support Land Use Goals – Realignment and lower design speed facilitates access of nearby facilities (e.g. community center, elementary school) and minimizes impacts to existing uses</li> <li>Surrounding Land Use – Road traverses proposed San Luis Rey Regional Park; wider parkway accommodates nonmotorized transportation</li> </ul>

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11B	Camino del Rey (SA 100)	Minor Upgrade	Road Capacity – Consistent with projected
	Segment: Camino del Cielo to Old Highway 395	2.2C Light Collector with Intermittent Turn Lanes (2+ lanes)	traffic volumes and surrounding land uses
	Existing Condition: 2 lanes		
	<u>Current Classification</u> : Rural Collector (2 lanes)		
12	Gopher Canyon Road (SF 1415)	<b>Equivalent Classification</b>	• Road Capacity – Consistent with projected
	Segment: East Vista Way to Old Highway 395 / Champagne Boulevard	4.1B Major Road with Intermittent Turn Lanes (4+ lanes)	traffic volumes and surrounding land uses
	Existing Condition: 2 lanes		
	<u>Current Classification</u> : Collector Road (4 lanes)		
13	Twin Oaks Valley Road (SC 1170)	Minor Upgrade	Road Capacity – Consistent with projected
	Segment: Gopher Canyon Road to Twin Oaks boundary	2.2C Light Collector with Intermittent Turn Lanes (2+ lanes)	traffic volumes and surrounding land uses
	Existing Condition: 2 lanes		
	<u>Current Classification</u> : Rural Light Collector (2 lanes)		
14A	Old Highway 395	Minor Upgrade	Minimize Costs – Excess traffic volume
	Segment: Fallbrook boundary to Interstate 15 interchange	2.1D Community Collector with Improvement Options (2+ lanes) 4-lane equivalent right-of-way should be retained in case of future need	linked to regional 2030 traffic; improvement to 4-lane road is not recommended because it would attract regional traffic
	Existing Condition: 2 lanes		Build Consensus – Consistent with
	<u>Current Classification</u> : Rural Collector (2 lanes)		Fallbrook Planning Group preference; median option provides the maximum capacity for a 2-lane road
			Note: Proposed classification will operate at LOS E (16.6K ADTs)

	CE Road Segment	<b>Road Network Recommendations</b>	<b>Basis for Staff Recommendation</b>
14B	Old Highway 395 / Champagne Blvd  Segment: Interstate 15 interchange to North County Metro boundary  Existing Condition: 2 lanes  Current Classification: Rural Collector (2 lanes) / Collector Road (4 lanes)	Upgrade Classification/ Equivalent Classification  4.1B Major Road with Intermittent Turn Lanes (4+ lanes)	Road Capacity – Consistent with projected traffic volumes; accommodates potential traffic from proposed new roadway to/from Valley Center
15	Wrightwood Road (via private road / Cottontail Lane)  Segment: West Lilac Road to Camino del Rey Existing Condition: Unpaved / unbuilt Current Classification: Private road	Add as a Fire Access Road on the community map	Maximize Traffic Movement – Provides additional route for ingress/egress in the event of a fire emergency
16	Dentro de Lomas Road (via Paseo Grande Road / Whisper Trace Road / Thorn Dale Road / North Fork Drive / Autumn Breeze Lane / Whisper Wind Road)  Segment: Old River Road to Gopher Canyon Road  Existing Condition: 2 lanes / unpaved / unbuilt Current Classification: Local public road / private road	Add as a Local Public Road and Fire Access Road on the community map  CSG Preference: Add as a Local Public Road on the community map	Build Consensus – Incorporates Sponsor Group and local fire district preference to provide additional route for ingress/egress in the event of a fire emergency
17	Disney Lane / Eagle Mountain Road / Via de la Reina  Segment: Camino del Rey to Gopher Canyon Road  Existing Condition: 2 lanes  Current Classification: Private road	Add as a Fire Access Road on the community map	Maximize Traffic Movement – Provides additional route for ingress/egress in the event of a fire emergency